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Amendment A

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Serial No.: 10/071,703	Filing Date: February 8, 2002		
Group Art Unit: 1722	Examiner: Timothy W. Heitbrink		
Applicant(s): Glenn Sandberg			
Invention: Patty Forming Apparatus			

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is Amendment A in response to the office communication dated May 23, 2003 in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed.
- Petition for a _____ - month extension of time and the separate fee therefor is enclosed.
- No additional claim filing fee is required.

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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

In the Office Action of May 23, 2003, the Examiner rejected claim 1-15, and objected to claims 5-15.

In the Specification

Please amend the paragraph that begins at page 5, line 16 as follows:

--The mold plate is located between a patty knock out apparatus 26 and a food product filling apparatus 27. The mold plate 24 is carried by a machine top plate or support plate 28 and guided on a top side thereof by a breather plate 34. The knock out apparatus 26 is mounted above the breather plate 34.--

Please amend the paragraph that begins at page 8, line 9 as follows:

--FIGURE 4 illustrates the breather plate 34 in more detail. The air recesses 102a, 102b extend across a width of the breather plate 34 to effectively vent four cavities 24a of the mold plate 24. Vent holes or breather holes 100 are